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Memorandum

To: Chief, Mining Branch, USGS, Washington
From: Regional Mining Supervisor, Carlsbad, New Mexico

Subject: Inspection of mining leases operating on Indian land--
Jackpile mine, Monument No. 2 mine

The following information is submitted in response to your request of August 7, 1959, for inspection data regarding the subject mines for the past several years:

<u>Date Inspected</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Copy of Report to B.I.A.</u>
<u>Jackpile mine, Anaconda Company, Laguna Reservations:</u>		
Nov. 27, 1956	Dec. 19, 1956	Yes
Aug. 19, 1957	No report written	-
Feb. 11, 1958	Feb. 27, 1958	Yes
April 9, 1958	No report written	-
Feb. 3, 1959	Feb. 18, 1959	Yes

Monument No. 2 mine, Vanadium Corporation of America, Navajo Reserv.:

Dec. 2, 1956	Dec. 19, 1956	Yes
Aug. 19, 1957	Aug. 27, 1957	Yes
Jan. 18, 1958	Feb. 4, 1958	Yes
Oct. 11, 1958	Oct. 28, 1958	Yes

Both of these mines are open pit operations and both companies are reputable operators with many years of mining experience. Both companies are safety conscious and U. S. Bureau of Mines Health and Safety inspection reports indicate only occupational hazards of minor importance. There is no radiation hazard in these open pit operations.

We believe that a 1-day inspection of these properties is adequate to protect the interests of the Indian lessors, and we concede that the operations should be inspected more often than once a year, which has been done.



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The royalty reports of these operators have been checked in this office monthly. Their mining practices have been inspected as have their methods of weighing, sampling, and analysis for metal content of the ores. No evidence of violation of lease terms has been found. Both operators employ good conservation practices and both mine low grade ore to the economic limit. Further, both operators stockpile extremely low grade ore which is not marketable under present conditions in the event that future market conditions might permit profitable treatment.

In future reports, the Carlsbad office will endeavor to include the items requested by the Commissioner relative to the lessee's performance under the terms of the lease.

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Regional Mining Supervisor